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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Wang et al.

Application No.: 08/552,839

Group Art Unit: 1805

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Examiner: Guzo, D.

For:

NOVEL ADENOVIRAL

VECTORS, PACKAGING CELL

LINES, RECOMBINANT **ADENOVIRUSES AND**

METHODS

Attorney Docket No.: 7639-044

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 1997 in which the claims were restricted into two groups as set forth below. Further, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be considered prior to examination of the application on the merits. A Petition for Extension of Time with provision of the required fee is being submitted concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-36 and 62, without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, separating the claims into the following groups:

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